

June 15, 1976

Mr. Thomas L. Wilson,
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Atlas Minerals
Big Indian Mines
Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Patti Ann Mine - Reclamation Plan
#ACT/037/003

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As you know last week Jim Carter and I visited the Big Indian District and upon your suggestion met with Messieurs George Dille and Joe Bierscheid, both of Atlas. During the time spent with these gentlemen we made the field inspection for the Patti Ann Mine and found the reclamation plan to be well prepared, requiring only minor amendments.

Since the original plan was received over your signature, I am sending our suggested amendments for your action. Basically, the only additions we would like to see included as an addendum to the original plan are as follows.

1. Extraneous debris, scrap metal and wood, and unusable buildings will be buried or removed from the location when the mine is no longer operable.
2. Upon final abandonment the incline shaft and ventilation shaft will be sealed to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry.

We suggest the following as modifications to the original plan.

1. Under the "revegetation plan and schedule" reduce Intermediate wheatgrass to 4 lb/acre and add Yellow sweet clover @ 1 lb/acre and Fourwing saltbush @ 1 lb/acre.
2. Under "approximate acreage to be disturbed" the area to be used here is land affected

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as defined in the Act. In this way the area would at least be two acres. All that would be needed here is a change of figures.

With these changes the plan in our opinion is ready for tentative approval. Following this action is the thirty (30) day waiting period for public comments. With no adverse comments the plan is then tentatively approved.

As you know, with final approval comes a surety for reclamation performance. I assume you have the surety forms and are aware of the Hearing on the adoption of these forms to be held on June 23rd in Salt Lake.

One other item on the Patti Ann Mine regarding confidentiality of information. We can, at your request, maintain information relative to the location, size, or nature of the deposit as confidential (40-8-13).

Please contact Jim Carter, our Geologist, or myself if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

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